

Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

December 12, 2012

Present:

Jim Dinkel, Lutheran Disaster Response
Linda Carter, Advocate - Village of Moscow
Mickey Hanselman, Advocate – Village of Moscow
Kathy Coulson, Park National Bank
Pam Broughton, Clermont County EMA
Beth Nevel, Brown County EMA & Washington Township Trustee
Bob Weaver, St. Vincent de Paul
Tom Callahan, St. Vincent de Paul
Lois Callahan, St. Vincent de Paul
Tammy Simendinger, American Red Cross
Thalia Ghighlia, Church of Scientology
Patty Peck, Advocate
Sandy Keiser, Catholic Charities of SW Ohio
David Legg, Presbyterian Churches
Jennifer Bieger, United Way of Greater Cincinnati
George Siddall, United Church of Christ
Chris Kelson, American Red Cross

Report from Chair – Jim Dinkel

We will be implementing some changes to the new construction home in Felicity. We will be upgrading the shingles to 200 mph wind rating, ensuring that the roof is secure to 200 mph, and creating a safe room within the home. The safe room will be created by strengthening the walls with cinderblocks and rebar. The modifications will be dry walled over and will not be visible to the homeowner.

Washington Township recently upgraded their shingles with the 200 mph / 20 year lifetime shingles. The cost increase was minimal. This modification may also provide a reduction in the homeowner's insurance.

Beth made a motion that the Ohio Valley LTRC will discuss and include mitigation efforts in future new construction projects. The motion was seconded by Sandy Keiser. The LTRC approved the motion.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Reconstruction Program Coordinator has left. All projects are on hold for the time being. There are still funds available through the program.

Flood insurance is projected to increase by 1/3 in January of 2013.

Hurricane Sandy recovery continues to be difficult due to politics / union issues and homes built for snow – not hurricanes. The New Jersey and New York Governors' are requesting 100% federal support for the storm response expenses. There is normally a 75% federal cost share and 25% cost local share for response and recovery expenses. During the 2011 Hurricane Irene, New York City Mayor put out an evacuation order. Prior to Hurricane Sandy's landfall, Mayor Bloomberg put out a shelter in place order for functional and access needs/elderly. The media hype led to apathy among residents.

Catholic Charities has a unique way to contact relatives and friends. The site is called www.everybodysafe.com. You can log on and send a message to a group of people. This should be integrated into future disaster programs. It is much easier to text rather than making a call. It was recommended that we educate the community to do one preparedness activity a month.

Long Island 211 created a resource book that included information on selecting a contractor and signing contracts. It was recommended that we compile web-resources for commercially available supplies.

Report from Vice Chair – Beth Nevel

The COAD Training Committee is encouraging all faith-based and non-profit partners to take the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Trainings (IS-700 and IS-100). Both courses are on-line independent studies and can be found at:

IS-100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100b.asp>

IS-700 – Introduction to NIMS

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is700a.asp>

The courses describe what happens when a disaster occurs from the incident to the activation of the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and Emergency Support Functions (ESFs).

The COAD is forming COAD Action Teams (CATs). The CAT will be the interim group until the LTRC is established. The group will be comprised of trained case workers, volunteer management, and donations management support. It was recommended that the COAD draft a plan for how the CAT will fit into Emergency Support Function (ESF) 14: Long Term Recovery and then roll it out to the local EMAs. This idea will be rolled out to the COAD during the next few meetings.

There has been a request from a local Building Department to be involved in future shelter site-assessments to ensure that potential shelters receive the proper approval prior to an event.

We have an Attorney, working Pro-Bono, drafting the MOU for Case #42. The MOU will list the principle parties who are contributing financial or material goods. The MOU is in-process. It was recommended that the MOU include a statement on the mitigation effort to reduce the risk from future events.

Report from Secretary – Pam Broughton

We are moving to a bi-monthly newsletter. The group discussed including statistics on beds provided, Federal Home Loan Bank, Appliances, Donations Management, etc. If you have articles, please submit them by December 12/31/12 or as soon as possible.

We have the Thank You Postcards. If you have individuals or groups that need to be thanked, please send Pam the names and addresses.

Financial Report

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| Previous Balance: | \$19,541.81 |
| Current Balance: | \$19,541.81 |

Other

Thalia will upload the November Newsletter to facebook.

Jennifer Bieger of United Way offered pamphlets and other resources on Financial Stability, Earned Income Tax Credit (EPIC), and Federal Anti-Poverty Program. Many people are not taking advantage of these programs which could bring money back to individual. The United Way is offering free tax services through certified volunteers. Call 211 for hours, locations, and special accommodations.